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SUBJECT: 64TH ECOSOC--HUMAN RIGHTS, AGENDA ITEM 11

1. THE DEBATE ON ITEM 11, HUMAN RIGHTS, SPRANG TO LIFE AT THE END OF THE SESSION WITH AN ATTACK ON THE US DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATE OF CHINA AND RIGHTS OF REPLY BY CUBA, ARGENTINA AND ETHIOPIA TO THE US STATEMENT DELIVERED AT THE MORNING SESSION OF 4/25.

2. THE DELEGATE OF CHINA ATTACKED THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO CAMBODIA. THE CHINESE DELEGATE STATED THAT DURING THE WAR WHEN THE US WAS BOMBING CAMBODIA AND MASSACRING THE POPULATION THAT NO MENTION WAS MADE IN THE UN OF HUMAN RIGHTS. NOW THAT CAMBODIA IS CHOOSING THE PATH OF NON-ALIGNMENT CERTAIN PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO VILIFY CAMBODIA AND THOSE PEOPLE ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO DO SO. THE DELEGATE OF CHINA CONTINUED THAT IT WAS PRECISELY THE US IMPERIALISTS WHO LEVELED CAMBODIA AND IT IS THEY WHO SHOULD BE ATTACKED.

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3. THE US STATEMENT DELIVERED BY USREP MEZVINSKY (COPIES BEING POUCHED TO HEWITT, IO/HR) INCLUDED REFERENCE TO THE CASES UPON WHICH ACTION WAS TAKEN UNDER 1503 AS WELL AS LISTING COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE USSR, CUBA, ARGENTINA, CAMBODIA, US AND OTHERS WHICH WERE CITED FOR VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DURING THE DEBATE. ON THE BASIS OF THIS LISTING CUBA, ARGENTINA AND ETHIOPIA DELIVERED RIGHTS OF

REPLY.

4. THE DELEGATE OF CUBA DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN CUBA MAKING A STATEMENT SIMILAR TO THAT DELIVERED AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION NOTING THAT THEIR PROBLEMS WERE CAUSED BY REPEATED ATTEMPTS BY THE US TO INVADE THE COUNTRY OR ASSASSINATE ITS LEADERS. THE CUBANS ALSO REFERRED TO PROBLEMS OF PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS IN THE US. THE DELEGATE OF ARGENTINA ACCUSED THE US OF SELECTIVITY, OF DIRECTING ITS CONCERN ONLY AT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND STATED THAT ARGENTINA CANNOT ACCEPT POLITICAL PRESSURES WHICH EXERCISE A DUAL STANDARD.

5. USDEL SPEAKING IN RIGHT OF REPLY RECALLED THAT THE US STATEMENT HAD SIMPLY RECALLED CASES WHICH HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND THE FACT THAT THESE CASES WERE BROUGHT UP IS A MATTER OF RECORD. WITH RESPECT TO THE CUBAN STATEMENT ON PUERTO RICO, USDEL NOTED THAT CUBAN DELEGATION HAS BEEN MAKING THE SAME STATEMENT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND THE US HAS ALREADY REPLIED TO THE CHARGES. USDEL MADE NO COMMENT TO THE DELEGATE OF CHINA AND RESERVED ITS RIGHT OF REPLY FOR A LATER DATE. FOLLOWING THIS EXCHANGE, THE DELEGATE OF ETHIOPIA EXPRESSED ITS RIGHT OF REPLY WONDERING WHERE THE US WAS WHEN SEVERAL THOUSAND OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITS CITIZENS WERE DYING LIKE FLIES. THE DELEGATE OF ETHIOPIA STATED THAT THE US WAS REPRESENTED IN ETHIOPIA BUT NEVER SAID A WORD ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT COMMENTS AS TO WHETHER ANY REPLY TO THE DELEGATE OF CHINA IS DESIRABLE. YOUNG

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